GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PRED – Allegations of irregularities in execution of Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme) in Prakasam District - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then Executive Engineer, RWS Division Podili now retired as I/c Chief Engineer, PR – Inquiry conducted – Charges held proved - Imposition of penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (2) years – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 428 **Dated: 03-08-2021**
Read the following:-

1) G.A(V&E)Dept., Vigilance Report No.165 (783/V&E/E1/03),Dt:09-11-2005.
2) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig-I(A)/2006-3 PR&RD(Vig-I)Dept.,dt:21-4-2006.
3) Written statement of defence of Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju Dt:14-12-2007.
4) G.O.Rt.No.833, PR&RD(Vig-I(A)Dept.,Dt:02-06-2011.
5) G.O.Rt.No.834, PR&RD(Vig-I(A)Dept.,Dt:02-06-2011.
6) G.O.Rt.No.358, PR&RD(Vig-I(A)Dept.,Dt:02-03-2012.
7) From the Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD, D.O.Lr.No.176/COI-J/A2/2011, Dt:11-05-2012.
8) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig.IA/2006-24 PR&RD(Vig-IA)Dept., Dt:24-01-2013.
9) Explanation submitted by Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju Dt:17-4-2013.
10) From Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada Letter No.Vig(3)/RWS&S/4332/2006 Dt:08-12-2017.
11) Govt.Memo.No.951/Vig.II/2006-46, Dt:03.03.2021.
12) Representation from Sri D.V. Ramachadra Raju Dt:25-3-2021.
13) Govt.Letter No.951/Vig.II/A1/2006-48, Dt:07.06.2021.
14) From the Secretary, APPSC, Vijayawada Lr.No.291/DC&C/2021,Dt:09.07.2021.

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ORDER:

In the reference 2nd read above, departmental proceedings were initiated against Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then EE, RWS Division, Podili now retired as I/c Chief Engineer (PR) under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, on allegations of irregularities in execution of Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme) in Prakasam District duly issuing the following charges:

Charge-1:- That Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Division, Podili, Prakasam District (Presently Chief Engineer, APPHC) has committed irregularities in execution of providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam District (Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme), Prakasam Dist., by check measuring misclassification of soils/rock and also caused an excess payment which leads loss to the State Exchequer and also frequent and recurring damages to delivery pipe line causing disruption in supply of drinking water.

Charge-2:- That Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then Executive Engineer, RWS, Division, Podili, Prakasam District (Presently Chief Engineer, APPHC) has committed irregularities in execution of Providing CPWS Scheme to 48/55 habitations in Yerragondapalem, Dornala areas of Prakasam District, (Dupadu Project (Water Supply Scheme), Prakasam District, by check measuring the less thickness in sand cushion & sand encasement and paid excess payment which caused loss to the State Exchequer.

2. The Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence in the reference 3rd read above. After examining the same, the case was entrusted to General Administration (COI) Department, for conducting detailed inquiry duly appointing Dr. Subhrendu Bhatacharya, IAS., Member, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration (COI) Department as Inquiry Authority vide reference 5th read above, to inquire into the charges framed against Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the

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then E.E., RWS, Sub Division, Podili, Prakasam District along with (7) others. Subsequently, modification orders have been issued in the G.O 6th read above, appointing Sri Jitender, COI, GAD as Inquiry Officer in place of Dr. Subhrendu Bhattacharya, IAS., COI (Retd).

3. In the reference 7th read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted his inquiry report in respect of Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then EE, RWS, Sub Division, Podili, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Chief Engineer, PR along with (7) others and made findings that the charge-1 and charge-2 are held proved against the Charged Officer. Government, after examining the said inquiry report, have communicated a copy of inquiry report to the Charged Officer and directed to submit his representation on the enquiry report vide reference 8th read above.

4. In the reference 9th read above, Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then EE, RWS, Sub Division, Podili, Prakasam District now retired as I/c Chief Engineer, PR has submitted his explanation on the findings of the Inquiry Report, in which he has reiterated his earlier contention as submitted by the Inquiring Authority.

5. Government after examining the matter and the explanation submitted by the Charged Officer, keeping in view of findings of Inquiring Authority, provisionally decided to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (2) years under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then EE, RWS Division, Podili now retired as I/c Chief Engineer (PR) and issued show-cause notice on him on the above proposed penalty vide reference 11th read above. The individual in the reference 12th cited has submitted his representation in which he did not submit any new grounds than those what he has submitted earlier. Therefore, it is decided to confirm the provisional decision of imposing 10% cut in pension for a period of (2) years and sought the concurrence of APPSC on the said proposal penalty vide reference 13th read above. The APPSC vide reference 14th read above have concurred with the proposal of the Government.

6. Accordingly, the Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to impose the penalty of 10% cut in pension for a period of (2) years under Rule 9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980, against Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then EE, RWS Division, Podili now retired as I/c Chief Engineer (PR).

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj/Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Vijayawada shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(**BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)**

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
Sri D.V. Ramachandra Raju, the then EE, RWS Division, Podili now retired as I/c Chief Engineer (PR). (through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)
Copy to:
The General Administration (V&E) Department(w.r.t.VRNo.165 (783/V&E/E1/03)
The Engineer-in-Chief, RWS&S, Gollapudi, Vijayawada.
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Secretary, APPSC, New Government Offices Building, 2nd Floor, MG, Road (Bandhar Road) Opp:Indira Gandhi Municipal Complex, Vijayawada.
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER